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Weatherization Waiver FFY2016

Households Served and Energy Assistance provided

FFY 2016 (Household report and Grantee Survey)		
LIHEAP Grant Award	\$108,144,094	
Households Served	119,504	

FFY 2017 (estimated)		
LIHEAP Grant Award	\$102,449,177	
Households Served	191,288	

Weatherization Assistance

The Weatherization Program provides funds to local community action agencies, units of local government, private non-profits and Councils of Government for the purchase and installation of materials such as ceiling, wall and floor insulation, caulking and weather stripping, mechanical ventilation fans and crawl space vapor barriers on homes of low income families, particularly the elderly and handicapped, to make homes more efficient, reduce monthly utility costs and provide a healthier living environment.

The Weatherization Assistance program (WAP) uses a priority lists and/or computerized household modeling to determine the measures to be installed. To pass, the measure must exceed a savings-to-invest ratio (SIR) of 1 whereby energy savings are equal to or greater than the life cycle costs of the measure.

Eligibility

Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) guidelines are households with income at or below 200 percent of the Federal Poverty level.

Heating and Air Repair and Replacement Program (HARRP) current guidelines are households with Income at or below 150 percent of the Federal Poverty limits.

Benefit Levels

	2017	2018
Weatherization	7100	7100
HARRP	6500	6500

Opening and Closing Dates

Applications are taken year round from 07/01/2016 to 06/30/2017 for the FFY 2017 Applications are taken year round from 07/01/2017 to 06/30/2018 for the FFY 2018

Outreach Efforts

Posters/Flyers are placed in local and county social services offices, Offices of Aging and Social Security. Applicants are informed about the availability of all LIHEAP assistance at the time of application for any low-income program. Interagency agreements are executed with other low income program offices to perform outreach to target groups like the local community action groups who coordinate with the government agencies to conduct informational sessions and use social media sites.

Public Review and Comment

A public announcement went out on April 21, 2017, via a press release. The waiver request was placed on public display in all 100 county social service offices, DHHS website and at the DHHS office at 820 S Boylan Ave, Raleigh, NC 27630 from April 24-28, 2017.

A public hearing will be held April 28, 2017 for the public to have an opportunity to comment on the proposed increased fund allocation for weatherization up to 25 percent.

Waiver Request

North Carolina requests a waiver to increase the percentage of LIHEAP funds spent on Weatherization and Other Energy Related Home Repair and Improvements up to 25 percent.

Respectfully,

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